

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**California Polytechnic State University**  
**Farm Shop Storage Building Project**  
**FEMA-1505-DR-CA, PW #242**

The California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for assistance with the repair and relocation of the farm shop storage building. The storage building was damaged during the San Simeon Earthquake of December 22, 2003, which resulted in the presidential disaster declaration FEMA-DR-1505-CA. FEMA intends to fund the proposed action under the Public Assistance (PA) Program that was implemented in response to the disaster. The project area is located within the Cal Poly campus in the City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, California.

The disaster damaged the north concrete retaining wall and steel framing supporting the building roof and north exterior wall of the farm shop storage building, which is located in Brizzolara Creek. The first part of the proposed action includes the demolition of the damaged portion of the storage building, removal of the retaining wall, attachment of siding on the open side of the building, and restoration of the creek bed. The proposed action would remove approximately 3,000 square feet of the existing storage structure. It would include the demolition and disposal of electrical wiring, structural steel, metal siding and roofing, the concrete slab, the retaining wall, and footings. It would also include lead-based paint abatement. Demolition of the existing farm shop storage building would take place in the summer when Brizzolara Creek is dry to avoid potential impacts to sensitive species and their habitat. The creek bank at the site of the existing farm shop storage building would be graded and vegetated with native riparian vegetation. Rock weirs would also be incorporated in the restoration of the creek banks. The second part of the proposed action includes the construction of a replacement facility in a location away from the creek. The new building would occupy approximately 3,000 square feet in a disturbed upland area. Work at the new location would include site grading and compaction; construction of the foundation, slab, and new metal building; and installation of electrical systems.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, FEMA has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Farm Shop Storage Building Project (July 2007) to evaluate the impacts of the proposed action on the human environment. The SEA tiers from the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Typical Recurring Actions Flood, Earthquake, Fire, Rain, and Wind Disasters in California (December 2003) as Proposed by FEMA. The PEA and SEA are available online at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm>.

Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the PEA and SEA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, based on the fact that there will be no long-term adverse impacts to the natural environment resulting from the proposed action. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the final notice for compliance with Executive Orders 11998 and 11990. Information required by 44 CFR Part 9.12(e) is provided in the SEA. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.

  
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Date